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INTRODUCTION

English is one of the most important languages in the world today. It is used in science, medicine, technology, and education. Around 80% of all scientific articles are written in English, which makes it the main language of global knowledge (1). In Latin America, many universities are teaching English to help students read books, research papers, and connect with people from other countries (2). In Bolivia, learning English at the university is still difficult because there are not enough teachers and good resources. For this reason, it is important to talk about the role of English in higher education and how it helps students grow academically and professionally.

DEVELOPMENT

Knowing English helps university students find better jobs, study abroad, and take part in international projects (3). According to a UNESCO report in 2022, students who speak English well have 35% more job opportunities than those who do not (4). Universities that include English in their programs also have more research and cooperation with foreign institutions, which improves their reputation and the quality of education.

In Bolivia, the Christian University of Bolivia and other universities now include English as part of the students' formation, especially in fields like medicine, engineering, and social sciences (5). However, many students cannot practice enough outside the classroom, which makes learning slow. Because of this, universities should use new methods like online classes, mobile apps, and study groups to help students improve their English skills.

Learning English also helps students think in new ways and understand other cultures. Reading and listening to information from other countries helps them open their minds and see the world from different points of view (6). Therefore, English is not only a language but also a key tool for education, communication, and success in today's world.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, learning English at the university is very important for both academic and personal growth. It helps students understand books, research, and information from around the world, and it gives them the chance to communicate with people from different countries. English also opens the door to better jobs and international opportunities after graduation. In Bolivia, speaking English can make a big difference for university students, helping them become more confident, competitive, and prepared for the global world. For these reasons, universities should continue to promote English learning through modern methods, so every student can reach their full potential and succeed in an increasingly connected world.

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